



Groton Police Department Groton, MA
ADA Transition Plan

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation/Site Access Survey for the Town of Groton

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**Reviewed by the Commission on Accessibility
December 10, 2018**

Present today were:

*Michelle Collette, Town of Groton ADA Coordinator
Consultant James Lyons, Northeast Independent Living Program Inc.
Consultant Grant Murphy, Northeast Independent Living Program Inc.*

Groton Police Department was surveyed by the team delineated above on July 18, 2018. Built in 1991 this building originally was used by both the Groton Fire Department and the Groton Police Department. The building is currently only being used by the Groton Police Department. The Architects for the 1991 Project were Hughes and McCarthy, Inc. of Framingham, and the Contractor was Wellesley Corporation of Wellesley, Massachusetts.

The scope of this report is to identify barriers in programs & activities that might prevent persons with disabilities from access to Groton Police Department and the programs, activities, and

services provided at Groton Police Department. The key to our success is to provide equivalent access to the maximum extent feasible to everyone, regardless of disability. This report includes an inventory (and details) of the property where structural modifications are needed to make facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. Since this is the foundation for the ADA Transition Plan, we recommend The Town maintain it on file/available for public inspection for 5 years from date of completion. This ADA Evaluation includes all of: the publicly accessed areas of the Groton Police Department.

We were impressed with much of the ADA compliance at the site. In fact, The Town has provided significant ADA improvements at the department.

In our opinion the following issues were found:

Parking: We found that there are an adequate number of HP (accessible) parking provided at The Police Station. The parking lot surface is essentially flat with no cracks nor holes found in the entire area. The signs are mounted at the correct height, as required by: Section 23.6.4 of the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (AAB) that states that "Such signs shall be permanently located at a height of not less than five feet, nor more than eight feet high." The Accessible parking is also *nicely situated at the spaces that are closest* to the accessible police station entrance as required by the ADA.

We noted, however, that there is presently no *Van Parking space* provided in the parking lot. It is therefore recommended that the Town add one van space and post a "Van Accessible" sign.

Specifically, The ADA requires: One space must be van accessible (as required by the ADA Access Guidelines-The ADAAG) in section 4.6.4 that requires that accessible parking spaces "shall designate as reserved by a sign showing the symbol of accessibility. Spaces should have an additional sign 'Van Accessible' mounted below the symbol of accessibility."

Main entrance: The front doors entering the police station have paddle-type, ADA appropriate handles. The entrance is essentially in ADA compliance at this time, in our opinion. During the time of its construction, it was built in ADA compliance. We found that the floor mat provided at the main entrance has become worn out because of wear and tear over time, and we recommend it be replaced, and fastened securely with a new mat. This is suggested by The ADA in section 4.5.1, that states: "Ground and floor surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant."

Service Counter: The ADA Team identified that there is currently no 3 feet lowered section of the service counter available. Concerning Town Halls, and Police Departments, The ADA calls for the Town to "Provide a public service counter that is at least 36 inches wide and no more than 36 inches high or provide an auxiliary counter with a maximum height of 36 inches, or provide equivalent facilitation (e.g., by offering those services at an accessible location for individuals who use wheelchairs)". § 7.2(2)."

We recommend a 3-foot accessible section be installed at the service counter as also recommended by the ADA 2010 Standards in Section 904.4 " There shall be clear floor space of 36 inches wide x 48 inches long for a forward and parallel approach to the service Counter."

Restroom: The team found that the unisex bathroom does not have an audio/visual A/V alarm. We recommend that be installed to increase the safety of people with disabilities visiting the Groton Police Department. We also found that the tampon dispenser in the unisex restroom is too high off the ground. We recommend that be lowered to meet the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board height requirement. The team also noticed that pipes under the sink in the unisex restroom are not insulated. We recommend that they be insulated increasing the safety of people with disabilities at the Groton Police Department.

We were not allowed into the rear areas of the station that are employee-only areas of the station.

The team found that there is not an audio/visual (A/V) alarm installed in the hallway near the Interview room. We recommend that be installed increasing the safety of people with disabilities who are at the Groton Police Department.

Thank you,

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Condition:



There are an adequate number of HP (accessible) parking spaces provided at The Groton Police Station. However, that there is presently no Van Parking space provided in the parking lot. It is therefore recommended that the Town add one van space, by posting a "Van Accessible" sign. mounted below the symbol of accessibility."

Example of an Audio/Visual (A/V) alarm:



Gentex Fire Alarm Horn Strobe HS24-15/75WR Red Wall Mount - Tested - Free Ship \$17.49

Red Wall Mount Fire Alarm Horn/Strobe Audio Visual. Used - Tested - Fully Functional.